The number of registrants awaiting allotment and the priority covered, category-wise, is as under:

	Category	MIG	LIG	Janta
Number of registrants awaiting allotment	General	8.304	13,951	4,387
	Ex-servicemen	51	110	6
	Retired Person	213	—	21
	Total:	8,568	14,061	4,414
Priority covered	General	8,994	10,058	2,075
	Ex-servicemen	9,963	11,984	5,646
	Retired Person	14,823	All covered All covered	0
	Physically Handicapped War widows HUDCO transferees		All covered All covered	

(d) and (e) DDA has prepared an action plan for liquidation of the backlog by the end of 2006. The disposal of plots is, however dependent on acquisition of land and development of infrastructure facilities there.

Water Treatment Plants to Delhi

1303. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of drinking water in Delhi and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide suitable financial assistance to Delhi for setting up of water treatment plants,

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD): (a) The Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO) has informed that against the minimum perccapita requirement of water supply of 150 litres per capita per day for metropolitan cities, shortages have been reported in availability of water in some cities. As far as Delhi is concerned, the Delhi Jal Board

has reported that there is shortage of drinking water in some areas of South Delhi/South West/East Delhi which are at the tail end of the distribution system as well as areas located at an elevated level.

(b) to (d) Financial assistance to Delhi Jal Board (DJB) for setting up of water treatment plants in Delhi is provided by the Government of NCT of Delhi. No financial assistance is proposed to be provided by the Government of India.

Scarcity of water in Metro Cities

†1304. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that common people are facing the problem of acute shortage of water in summer in Metropolitan City like Delhi;

(b) whether Government have prepared any new water projects in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Under Article 246 (2) read with Entry 17 of List II-State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, "Water, that is to say, water supplies" falls within the legislative jurisdiction of the States. It is therefore, the responsibility of the State Governments to plan, execute, maintain and operate water supply projects.

Covering of drains in Delhi

1305. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the recent directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court that dirty nallahs flowing through inhabited areas in Delhi be covered, whether Delhi Administration or other agencies like DDA etc., have drawn up any action plan for the purpose;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.